Patent Appln. No. 10/715,087 Prelim. Amend. Dated April 14, 2004

Remarks

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), by the foregoing

amendments, the drawings have been canceled. The specification has also been amended to

reflect the cancellation of drawings and reference the parent application. No new matter has been

added to the present application by the foregoing amendments.

Applicants and their attorney hereby respectfully request entry of the foregoing

amendments in the present application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary

Amendment since it is being mailed prior to Applicants' receipt of a first Office Action on the

merits. If, however, any such fees, including petition and extension fees, are due in connection

with the submission of this Preliminary Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to

charge them, as well to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

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